GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5535
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2003
PROCUREMENT OF STATIONERY FROM KENDRIYA BHANDAR NO.
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Expenditure Reforms Commission has statedin its recommendation that the rates at which the Government departments indent their stationery requirements from Kendriya Bhandar is competitive when compared with market prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Budget Grant of the GOISO during eachof the last five years for procuring stationery articles to cater the needs of their indentors and has the Grant been far too less than requirement;

(d) if so, the reasons for allocating less Budget grant to GOISO;

(e) whether there is any proposal to wind up the GOISO andto make the Department of Printing and Stationeryresponsible for supply of stationery articles to the Government Departments; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTYALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)
(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.
(c)&(d): No, Sir. For the last five years, the budget allocated to Government of India Stationery Office could not be utilized completely by them.
(e)&(f): Expenditure Reforms Commission has recommended winding upof Government of India Stationery Office.The Ministryof Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has not accepted this recommendation so far.